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A gentleman drove his wagon under a down town shed the other day, when the young man who affiliates in an adjoining office remarked, "Well, I have to care you a little, don't you?" "Well, all right," was the reply; "I'd attend the charge with the gas bill up to the house," from which we are led to infer that the young man goes to meet her pretty frequently.

The neglect to comply with the city ordinance requiring the prompt clearing of sidewalks after a snow-storm made the morning attendance at church yesterday very thin. The badness of the sidewalks, which the minister would say each Lord's-day, is responsible for great financial detriment to all classes of the community, besides adding to the churches. If every citizen could rely upon every walk being promptly shoveled, there would probably be fifty per cent. increase in attendance upon public assemblies, while trade would be twice as good. It would pay financially for the city to send a one-horse snow-plow over the sidewalks after every storm.

The excitement on Union street just below the Roudout M. E. Church on Sunday morning, just as the congregation was pouring out from the morning service, was the cause of a lady by the name of a hundred dollars. They made as much noise as a skunk party, and scared the poor bird out of its wits. It flattered around the new Presbyterian Church, but as none of the police officers were there to show it to a good resting-place it didn't go in, probably being a Methodist or Baptist turkey and feeling a little backward about going in a strange place. The boys thought the bird was a good deal of fun.

A Grown.

It is quite a frequent occurrence to find the platform on the passenger cars on the N. Y. & E. R. R. in a very dirty condition. Sometimes they are covered thickly with coal dust, which makes the white drapery of the ladies look as though they had been traveling in a coal bin. Now and then small puddles of oil on the platform and stairs lead to the step, by some lady's dress, perhaps ruining it. A very little care on the part of some one would remedy all this.

Narrow Escape.

On Christmas day the storehouse buildings on the State Dock at Bleecker's narrowly escaped destruction by fire, a defective fuse in a chimney in the freight office causing all the mischief. The warehouse was a splendid supply of water and an early discovery of the flames only prevented an excessive conflagration, as the flames had communicated to the roof of the building and were only subdued by great exertions.

Funny Church Incident.

A rather funny church incident happened a short time ago in the town of Olive, and though some of the people seem to have taken it seriously enough, we cannot refrain from giving it to our readers.

One night, in meeting, one of the lady members arose from her seat and said she had a very great burden on her mind, but it would be a great relief if she could unburden herself in presence of her fellow church members. She seemed in so much distress the brethren with one accord urged her not to be afraid, but to disclose her sorrows and they would pray for her. After much hesitation she said it was hard to tell, but she had seen "Brother D." kissing and hugging Sister F.—in the hallway, and I don't think it's right, that's what I don't like. Then she sat down, and it is perhaps needless to say the astonished brethren and sisters had not a word to say. Since then the friends of the lady who unburdened herself and those of Brother D. and Sister F. have taken up the little case and the result is a division in the church. Truly a brotherly kiss does sometimes create a world of trouble.

Railroad Accident.

The last train on the Hudson River Railroad had a very narrow escape from a serious accident Friday afternoon. As the train was near Bleecker three of the passenger cars jumped the track. The accident occurred at a point where the Hudson runs along the track, and toward which side the cars left the rail. Nothing but the strength and practical utility of the bumpers prevented the cars, which were filled with passengers, from going into the river. The smoking car and rear passenger coach were thrown across the track, the forward trucks of the smoking car being sent, and forced from under the body of the coach. The passengers in the several coaches which left the track were considerably shaken up, and no little consternation was produced among all on board in consequence. The ladies, especially, were greatly alarmed, but fortunately no one was seriously injured. The train was in charge of conductor Parsons, who is a successful manager of affairs under circumstances so trying. His conduct gave confidence to all on board. All the passengers were out of the cars in double quick time, and mighty glad were they that the result was no more serious. One coach was promptly lifted on the track, but it was almost impossible to get the smoking car and other coaches on, so conductor Parsons caused all the passengers to take seats in the cars already in position, and the train left. The smoking and passenger coaches were left behind.—Hudson Register.

Rank Cowardice.

There are some four or five cows that periodically roam the Strand in the region of feed stores and now and then slip in and steal what they want. This has become a nuisance to the owners of the stores aforesaid, and they threaten dire vengeance to the cows or the owners thereof if the cows are not hereafter kept from their premises. When the cows are not in the stores they gather about the manure-heaps near the stables on the Strand and then eat what starvation forces them to. We understand that the owner of one or two of the cows sells milk, and think that should the purchasers of the milk look a little after the whereabouts of the cows they would not particularly care to use it.

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Fire on Sunday Morning.

About 5 o'clock on Sunday morning the stable owned by Keran Flannery and adjoining his residence and store, on the road to Wilbur, just below the South Roudout ferry, was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was sounded, but owing to the late snow-fall long before the engines could be drawn to the scene of the conflagration the barn, with its contents, was entirely consumed. In the building were a ton of hay, a set of new harness and a toy-dragon. A cow which was also in the barn was saved. The building was sufficiently large to accommodate thirteen horses, and was estimated to be worth six hundred dollars. Mr. Flannery informed a reporter that he had an insurance in one of the stores of the city, and that he had been told that he was not insured but the policy had expired.

The only fire company which went to the scene of the fire was Rapid Hose Co. No. 1, and Mr. Flannery says no other firemen were present. The neighbors turned out and did what they could to extinguish the flames, and had the wind not fortunately been from the north-east, driving the flames against the side hill, the roof of the frame buildings adjoining the burning building would have been destroyed.

Would it be a good plan for the Common Council to have horses to draw the fire engines when the snow upon the ground is deep? for men cannot possibly get the apparatus to a fire in the suburbs through deep snow in time to be of much service.

Sudden Death of Cooch's Fatal Dose of Morphine.

Mr. Lewis Cooch, the well-known furniture dealer of this city, died last night at nine o'clock, from the effects of taking an over-dose of morphine, of which the following are the particulars:

For some time past Mr. Cooch had been affected with some disease of the head, which caused him great pain and suffering. To relieve himself he was in the habit of taking of opium, morphine, which was about the only thing that would help him. On Wednesday night last he suffered much, and then took some, which did not seem to relieve him as usual, as he complained of his head feeling very bad on Thursday, and on Thursday night he took another dose, larger than usual. On Friday morning, between one and two o'clock, Mrs. Cooch, his housekeeper, heard heavy groans proceeding from his room. She immediately repaired thither and found him breathing heavily and unconscious. Dr. Haught was immediately called in, and did all in his power to relieve him, but to no avail. During Friday Drs. Cooper and Parker were also called, but they could not help him, and he breathed his last, as stated above, at nine o'clock last night, remaining totally unconscious all the while.

It was at first thought that he had been taken with an apoplectic fit, but an empty bottle which had contained morphine was found standing on a table near his bedside. This told the fatal story. His age was sixty-one years.

Mr. Cooch was well-known in this city and throughout Ulster county. In former years he was a minister of the Gospel, and a noted temperance man. The news of his sudden death, and the circumstances attending it, will be a surprise to his many friends.—Hudson Register.

Recorders Court.

Louis Oppenheimer was brought before the court for having made an assault with a deadly weapon on Meta Heimann. The parties live on Division street in the lower part of the city, where Louis was into partnership with the husband of Meta in the butcher business. Louis says he put \$250 in the business and has taken nothing out. Whether it was because of this lack of division of the proceeds, or the bad temper that might naturally be supposed to keep company with such jaw-breaking names, these good folks fell into a quarrel a few days ago; and the names "Oppenheimer" and "Heimann" were slung around in a terrible manner for a while, and then the husband of Meta, in a fit of anger, grabbed a cleaver and threatened to send both Oppenheimer and his long name to perdition together. Louis then unsheathed a knife, and in the language of the immortal Shakespearean Macbeth, "lay on, Heilmann, and damn'd be he that first cries, 'Hold, enough!'" defied the married couple. However no one was hurt, and then the parties went before the Recorder, where the case was settled by the complaining party paying costs.

Abraham Flatow was next brought up on a charge of having assaulted and beaten Mary Crossley. It turned out that Mary Flatow, the young girl of Abraham, had a lease signed by George Von Beck, Sen., and the complainant took it away from her. Abraham then went up to Mary Crossley and took the lease from her. The prisoner was discharged.

On the Road.

The sleighing yesterday was the cause of the road from this city to the St. Nicholas hotel of Peter Clark being thronged with people desirous of enjoying a sleigh-ride before the snow should disappear. A number of the fast tracks were out, and all sorts of vehicles on runners, from an old-fashioned pang to the graceful Buffalo, could be seen dashing about as fast as a wind as the sleds and drawing it could get up. The handsome sleigh on the road is a Bath-Portland built by Jack Curtis for Hank Hermann. It is a beautiful sleigh, and has the latest improvement, its shaft arrangement being arranged so the shafts work on a sled-like, and can be changed in a moment from a side gear to shafts straight before the sleigh, like those of a wagon. The sleigh attracted much attention from sporting men who had heard of Clark's sled. There being but one track broken, and that rather heavy, there were no trails of sleds, but all hands drove at a moderate pace becoming the day. There are a number of very handsome single rigs owned in this city and for double turn-outs can be had over any city of our size in the Union.

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The Schooner Henry H. Pitts.

The schooner Henry H. Pitts, built and owned by Henry H. Pitts of this city, has received her certificate from the American Shipmasters' Association and Board of Underwriters of New York city. She is classed a A. 1. She is to be navigated the waters of the coast of North America, the Gulf of Mexico and all ports on the Caribbean Sea. She is now lying in the port of New York loaded, and will sail to-day bound for Kingston, Jamaica, from whence she will proceed to Frontiera in the Bay of Campeche on the coast of Mexico, where she will take in a cargo of mahogany and red cedar on charter for the port of New York. She is commanded by Captain S. B. Fletcher of New York, who is also one-quarter owner. This vessel has the highest rate that has ever been given by the above association, having been built under their own inspection. Mr. Pitts has taken great pains in having this vessel built, and she has of course cost a large sum of money. We wish him pecuniary success in enterprises with her.

A Munificent Gift.

Mr. Calvin Tomkins, President of the New York Lime & Cement Manufacturing Company, has donated to the village of Tomkins Cove, Rockland Co., his place of residence, a school-house the value of which, in dollars, is thirty thousand. Mr. Tomkins is noted for such gifts, having been the prime mover in the gift, by the Company, of the Children's Church, which is such an ornament and a pleasure to our city. Mr. Tomkins is a gentleman of abundant means with the generous instincts which prompt him to use them wisely and well, giving freely of his abundance toward the proper education of the rising generation, and caring wisely for the comfort and well-being of the employees of the Company of which he is the head and director. Being blessed with great wealth he considers himself merely a steward of the Lord, and dispenses it with a view to the greatest good to the greatest number, saying, like Abiel Hester, "God is good, oh, reverend stranger; he hath taught me of his ways. By these words I have learned lessons in the evening of my days."

"Sixty years of faith and patience brought him down to the present time, and he is now a rich and aged man."

Scandalous Conduct.

The members of St. John's Church were very much scandalized last Wednesday night at the Christmas tree entertainment, by a number of young girls and boys sitting in the gallery, whispering, talking and throwing spit balls. The manager of the hall not wishing to disgrace them by putting them out of doors without reason, but it was of use whatever. These young girls as well as boys belong to some very respectable families and we are quite certain their mothers "didn't know they were out," otherwise they would have given them a good spanking and sent them home. We understand the directors of the hall had a meeting Friday night and then gave the manager directions to put such folks out of the house no matter whose children they were.

"How Old Are You?"

At a dance given in the country the other night, a Kingston chap waited up to a young lady, when the following conversation took place:

Man—"I am sweet seventeen (he was about forty), and I want a young woman to dance with. How old are you?"

Lady (Smiling pleasantly)—"How old would you think?"

Man—"Don't know. Open your mouth and let's see your teeth!"

This judging the age of a woman as one would tell the age of a horse is certainly something new in the way of science, if not in that of gentility.

Pleasant Christmas Gathering.

The people of the New Palis M. E. Church had a pleasant time on Christmas night.—Their Sunday School children met in the church to receive the presents from the Christmas tree which had been provided for them. Everything passed off pleasantly, and the school sang very sweetly. A number of presents had been provided by individuals, and among them a very fine turkey which the Rev. Mr. Gibson, the pastor, was permitted to carry off, no doubt much to his pleasure and gratification.

News From Turkey.

James Joy, who runs a baker's shop uptown, bought four live turkeys last Wednesday and shut them in his barn. Two of them not caring to be shut up at a Christmas dinner rebelled and flew away. After a long search he found them. Some boys had peeped them with a shot gun, had them picked, and the good women of the household were just ready to put in the stuffing when Joy appeared on the scene. He didn't get his turkeys, but he says if ever that game is played again he'll win.

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VICINITY.

—Hay sells in Monticello for \$14 per ton, and eggs, at forty cents a dozen.

—Port Jervis young men keep their hats on at public performances.

—They complain of idlest journeymen down in Rockland county.

—Proctor Hollow, Chateaufortville and Medina are severely suffering from measles.

—The Montgomery Standard omits publication holiday week.

—Waltz, the seissors-grinder murderer, will be very insane on the day of trial.

—Schemed-out arrested eight fire-bugs on Sunday night.

—It cost Hudson \$73,303.73 to keep house last year.

—The lot of Stockport has just finished a \$12,000 iron bridge.

—The Troy Times is publishing the Bible.

—Poughkeepsie don't want the college regatta next summer. Soar grapes.

—The Yonkers Water Works will be formally inaugurated on New Year's Day.

—Catskill sets turkeys fed on beech nuts and thinks them of peculiarly fine flavor.

—St. Joachim's Catholic Church at Matteawan realized \$1,300 on a building lot which was raffled off at a late fair.

—It is reported that Theodore H. Cooper of Warwick has bought the Newburgh Telegraph.

—The Norton Hill M. E. Church has paid off its debt, and has \$440 over on its subscription paper.

—Rev. Wm. G. E. Lay, of Kiskatom, and Rev. Paul T. Dayo, of Plattkill, have exchanged places.

—Three bags died of hydrophobia at Middleburgh last week. One was bitten by a mad dog, and then bit the other two.

—The Montgomery saw-mill has a hard time getting along; there's hardly enough timber left to pick its teeth with.

—Thirteen head of cattle were burned with a barn belonging to Henry Deakes of Middleburgh, on Wednesday, Loss \$5,000.

—Daniel Greene's barn at Matteawan was burned on Christmas at a loss of fifteen hundred dollars.

—The Albany police are raiding on the gambling dens. They captured all the apparatus and fourteen players.

—The committees of Poughkeepsie and Coxsack Engine Companies meet on Tuesday at Hudson to arrange for the \$1,000 match.

—The monument to be placed over the remains of Dr. Reed of Chatham cost about \$5,000.

—A Troy woman had her monument sent to her residence while she was in order that she might see it before she died.

—The Eagle Moving Machine works will be removed from Valley Falls to Albany early in January.

—Peekskill is to have an independent water supply. The reservoir will be located on the Cortland mill property.

—John VanWine, an Athens ship-carpenter, fell about seven feet while working in a shipyard and broke his neck. He was seventy years old.

—John French of Montague Valley, Sullivan county, has a beard three and a half feet long. It has grown to that length since 1865, and reaches to his knees.

—Rev. Samuel Welcott, of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, has accepted the charge of the Great Lutheran congregation in the city of Kingston.

—The Poughkeepsie restaurant keepers are giving the newspaper composers splendid turkey suppers. This is a fine way to advertise.

—An Old Fellow's lodge in Bath, Rensselaer county, has been used for \$200. A good many people will watch the result with great interest.

—The Tivoli ferry-boat was caught in the ice on Wednesday last and carried some distance down the river before she could be extricated.

—The liberal and generous hearted Lehands, of the Delaware House, presented each and every one of their employees a substantial gift Christmas morning.

—A Bethlehem man lost a boy ride home with him from Albany, and the migrant hoodlums looked for him with wagon fifteen pounds of paint and a lot of painting utensils, besides other articles.

—It is said a large number of the locomotives on the Rensselaer & Saratoga Railroad are to be replaced by electric engines, which can be supplied with coal from the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company's mines.

—We regret to record that Rev. H. Bronson, the octogenarian Bible agent for this district, recently fell upon the road near Poughkeepsie, and received such injuries that he will be confined to his house for some few weeks.

—The tug Champlain was the last boat through the canal. It reached Haverstraw dry dock, West Troy, Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, and was unable to proceed farther. The Champlain had come through from Buffalo, and was bound to Albany.

—The old freight depot of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company at Waterford was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. There was little freight or baggage in the building at the time. Loss on the building, \$2,000. The fire was the result of incendiaries.

—The young ladies at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, are reported as drinking 150 pounds of milk every day, swallowing 155 pounds of butter and 40 pounds of sugar for pudding sauce for one dinner. That's what makes them so sweet.

—The timber for J. R. & H. S. Baldwin has arrived at New Baltimore. They have at present a contract with the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company for two large barges, and it is expected that work will commence immediately.

—The Troy steamer Sunnyside, while on her down trip last Tuesday, met with an accident when near New Baltimore, which detained her over a week. It appears that the ice had cut through her copper sheathing and she was compelled to have it repaired before it was safe to proceed on her trip.

—Up at a Lansingburgh cracker "factory" crackers are now made by the ton, and in less than twenty-five minutes from the time the flour is weighed out in a trough, it is kneaded, barreled and ready for shipment. The crackers are shipped to any port in the world. The present machines, with the new patent of October 14th, 1873, are capable of doubling the capacity of the primitive machines, and will manufacture four thousand crackers per minute, and convey this vast number down the machines, on an endless apron, and deposit them on the pans, ready for baking, inside of sixteen minutes.

Sir Edwin Landseer.

Of the great painter, Sir Edwin Landseer, of the Imperial Biography of Art says: "No English painter has been more popular, and none except Sir Thomas Lawrence—has received such immense sums for his works. For the copyright of some of his pictures he obtained £3,000 (\$15,000), in addition to the original price of the picture." It was a master stroke when the publishers of the Christian at Work presented the triple combination of a magnificent oil painting (about two and a half feet in size) of Landseer's great painting of dogs and sheep—"The Twins"—with Talmage as editor of their paper, and Spurgeon as special contributor. They deserve success, and will get it. Write to them at 102 Chambers street, N. Y., for sample copies and terms. Agents wanted. See their advertisement.

The Sabbath Day to be Respected.

The market of Thomas L. Johnston uptown will be kept open until 10 o'clock Saturday night, but will be closed on Sunday.

Our stock is still in good condition for the inspection of our customers in holiday articles and substantial dry goods for Presents.

J. O. & G. B. MERRITT, Wall street, Kingston.

Fanning's Dancing Class.

Mr. Fanning's dancing class, Voorhees' new hall, East Front street, Kingston. Opening lessons on Friday, January 2d. Afternoon class at 4 P. M.; evening class at 7 P. M. This will be the last course of lessons. All fashionable dancing will be introduced. Partners are invited to attend at the opening lessons.

Kingston Coal Depot.

D. C. Overbaugh is still selling Lackawanna Coal at the following prices; all screened and honest weight given:

Stove coal at yard \$7.00 Delivered \$7.50, Cheapest, 7.00 7.50, 27 7.00 7.50, Grate, 6.50 7.00.

Yard central part of the City on Union Avenue.

D. C. Overbaugh has established a branch coal office in North Front street, near Wall, at the office of the A. M. U. Express Co. Mr. Rawson is his agent. All orders left with him will be promptly filled.

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Rheumatism is cured by using Ronne's Pain Killing Magic Oil thoroughly. We do not say it cures "after the joints are turned into a chalky substance," but its early and careful use prevents this change. Its use has cured very bad cases of Rheumatism.

Sold by Dr. Devo and all other druggists in Roudout and Kingston.

INOX IN THE BLOOD.

When the blood is well supplied with its iron element, we feel vigorous and full of animation. It is an inefficiency of this vital element that makes us feel languid; in such cases, the Ferriox Syrup (a protodized iron) can supply this deficiency, and its use will invigorate us wonderfully.

Appropriate Holiday Presents.

A box of FINE HAVANA CIGARS. A good assortment will be found at Weiner's.

Latest News by Cable—Santa Claus has Arrived.

With his Reindeer and is ready to receive calls at Wyckoff's Book Store.

P. S.—He has a very large stock of new and beautiful gifts suitable for the Holidays. Would be happy to have you call and pay your respects to him.

F. S. WYCKOFF, JR., Kingston, Dec., 1873.

Condensed Milk—Bully for Coffee.

Just received at KNAPP'S Drug Store, next door to the Postoffice, Garden street, Roudout.

Cheap.

Our ONE DOLLAR KID GLOVES reduced to 75 cents. CROSBY, LAWRENCE & CO., 7 Wall street.

MARRIED.

BISHOP—GAGE—At the Roudout M. E. Parsonage, Dec. 20th, by Rev. J. J. Dean, Albert Bishop and Lizzie Gage, all of this city.

DIED.

TEB EYCK—In New York city, on Friday, Dec. 18th, Margaret, widow of Matthew TEB EYCK, in the 54th year of her age.

EXCISE NOTICE.—THE NEXT

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The neglect to comply with the city ordinance requiring the prompt clearing of sidewalks after a snow-storm made the morning attendance at church yesterday very slim. The bad state of the sidewalks, which ten minutes' work by each house-owner would remedy, is responsible for great financial detriment to all classes of enterprising business.

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Fire on Sunday Morning.

About 3 o'clock on Sunday morning the stable owned by Kenn Flannery and adjoining his residence and store, on the road to Wilbur, just below the South Rondout ferry, was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was sounded, but owing to the late snow-fall long before the fire engines could be drawn to the scene of the conflagration the barn, with its contents, was entirely consumed. In the building were a ton of hay, a set of new harness and a top-tray. A cow which was also in the barn was saved. The building was sufficiently large to accommodate thirteen horses, and was estimated to be worth six hundred dollars. Mr. Flannery informed a reporter that he had had an insurance in one of Slow & Benson's companies for two hundred dollars but was not sure but the policy had expired.

The only fire company which went to the scene of the fire was Rapid Hose Co. No. 1, and Mr. Flannery says no other firemen were present. The neighbors turned out and did what they could to extinguish the flames, and had the wind not fortunately been from the north-east, driving the flames against the side hill, the row of frame buildings adjoining the burning building would have been destroyed.

Wouldn't it be a good plan for the Common Council to have horses to draw the fire engines when the snow upon the ground is deep? For men cannot possibly get the apparatus to a fire in the suburbs through deep snow in time to be of much service.

Sudden Death of Coe—A Fatal Dose of Morphine.

Mr. Lewis Coe, the well-known furniture dealer of this city, died last night at nine o'clock, from the effects of taking an over-dose of morphine, of which the following are the particulars:

For some time past Mr. Coe had been affected with some disease of the head, which caused him great pain and suffering. To relieve himself he was in the habit at times of taking morphine, which was about the only thing that would help him. On Wednesday night last he suffered much, and then took some, which did not seem to relieve him as usual, as he complained of his head feeling very bad on Thursday, and on Thursday night he took another dose, larger than usual. On Friday morning, between one and two o'clock, Mrs. Rose, his housekeeper, heard heavy groans proceeding from his room. She immediately repaired thither and found him breathing heavy and unresponsive. Dr. Haight was immediately called in, and did all in his power to relieve him, but of no avail. During Friday Drs. Cooper and Parker were also called, but they could not help him, and he breathed his last, as stated above, at nine o'clock last night, remaining totally unconscious all the while.

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The Schooner Henry H. Pitts.

The schooner Henry H. Pitts, built and owned by Henry H. Pitts of this city, has received her certificate from the American Shipmasters' Association and Board of Underwriters of New York City. She is classed "A 1" for eleven years, to navigate the waters of the coast of North America, the Gulf of Mexico and all ports on the Caribbean Sea. She is now lying in the port of New York, loaded, and will sail to-day bound for Kingston, Jamaica, from whence she will proceed to Frontera in the Bay of Camaguey on the coast of Mexico, where she will take in a cargo of mahogany and red cedar on charter for the port of New York. She is commanded by Captain S. B. Fletcher of New York, who is noted for such a long career. This vessel has the highest rating that has ever been given by the above association, having been built under their own inspection. Mr. Pitts has taken great pains in having this vessel built, and she has of course cost a large sum of money. We wish him pecuniary success in enterprises with her.

A Munificent Gift.

Mr. Calvin Tomkins, President of the New York Lime and Cement Manufacturing Company, has donated to the village of Tomkins Cove, Rockland Co., his place of residence, a school-house the value of which, in dollars, is thirty thousand. Mr. Tomkins is noted for such gifts, having been the prime mover in the gift, by the Company, of the Children's Church, which is such an ornament and a pleasure to our city. Mr. Tomkins is a gentleman of abundant means with the generous instincts which prompt him to use them wisely and well, giving freely of his abundance toward the proper education of the rising generation, and caring wisely for the comfort and well-being of the employees of the Company of which he is the head and director. Being blessed with great wealth he considers himself merely a steward of the Lord, and dispenses it with a view to the greatest good to the greatest number, saying, like Abdiel Hassan,

"God is good, on reverend stranger: he hath by these great and crowding lessons in the evening, like the good old Mussulman, 'Sixty years of faith and patience brought him wisdom's crown, and his laughter brought him honor with his rich and sad renown.'"

Scandalous Conduct. The members of St. John's Church were very much scandalized last Wednesday night at the Christmas tree entertainment, by a number of young girls and boys sitting in the gallery, whispering, talking and throwing spit balls. The manager of the hall not wishing to disgrace them by putting them out of doors attempted to reason, but it was of no use whatever. These young girls as well as boys belong to some very respectable families, and we are quite certain their mothers "didn't know they were out," otherwise they would have given them a good spanking and sent them home. We understand the directors of the hall had a meeting Friday night and then gave the manager directions to put such folks out of the house no matter whose children they were.

"How Old Are You?" At a dance given in the country the other night, a Kingston chap waltzed up to a young lady, when the following conversation took place:

Man—"I am sweet seventeen the was about forty, and I want a young, very young woman to dance with. How old are you?"

Lady (Smiling pleasantly)—"How old would you think?"

Man—"Don't know. Open your mouth and let's see your teeth!"

This judging the age of a woman as one would tell the age of a horse is certainly something new in the way of science, if not in that of gentility.

Pleasant Christmas Gathering.

The people of New Palis M. E. Church had a pleasant time on Christmas night. Their Sunday School children met in the church to receive the presents from the Christmas tree which had been provided for them. Everything passed off pleasantly, and the school sang very sweetly. A number of presents had been provided by individuals, and among them a very fine turkey which the Rev. Mr. Gibson, the pastor, was permitted to carry off, no doubt much to his pleasure and gratification.

News From Turkey.

James Joy, who runs a baker's shop uptown, bought four live turkeys last Wednesday and sent them up in his barn. Two of them not caring to be served up at a Christmas dinner rebelled and flew away. After a long search he found them. Some boys had picked them with a shot gun, had them picked, and the good women of the household were just ready to put in the stuffing when Joy appeared on the scene. He didn't get his turkeys, but he says if ever that game is played again he'll fix 'em.

The Wittwack Mission Fair.

The fair held in the chapel by the Ladies of the Wittwack Mission on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of last week was a decided success both socially and financially. Santa Claus added considerably to his stock of presents from the many beautiful and useful articles exposed for sale at the fair, and in return left some good dollars with which to aid the Mission to prosecute the good work in Wittwack. The above-mentioned sum is the balance on hand after the expenses are deducted.

Crowded Cars.

It took four passenger cars to carry the crowd of people who went into the country Wednesday night on the N. Y. & K. S. R. R., and these cars were so full a large number of the folks couldn't get seats. Conductor Edick carried them through safely, and used every exertion to care for them properly along the road so they wouldn't lose their Christmas dinners.

Election of Officers.

At a regular meeting of United German Lodge No. 303, I. O. O. F., held at their rooms on Thursday evening, Dec. 25th, the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: George Hunk, N. G.; Joseph Graff, V. G.; John Knapp, Secretary; Frederick Jockel, Treasurer; Henry Kunk, Permanent Secretary.

OUR FREE PARLIAMENT.

Some of our local performers, including speakers, singers, &c., have hinted their displeasure at not finding their efforts roundly praised in your paper. We say in rebuttal to the discontent of those who have thus taken offense, that until sufficient plausible criticism, at least, can be made of such criticism we content the *Free Press* is justified in its course. In the first place all persons are up to have a high concept of their own talent and effectual merit before a public audience, and are very apt to be tedious of the opinions they possess; yet such persons are generally guided by the flattering opinions of their immediate relatives and friends, which fan, and convey this vast number down to the public, and then the highest praise is given to the Solore and Bazaar each evening—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—twenty-five cents.

The Bazaar and Solore To-night.

The Solore in St. Mary's School Hall commences this evening. Goeller's Band will furnish the music. Dancing may be enjoyed during the progress of the Bazaar. The Temperance Brass Band will also attend. Admission to the Solore and Bazaar each evening—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—twenty-five cents.

VICINITY.

—Hay sells in Monticello for \$14 per ton, and eggs, at forty cents a dozen.

—Port Jervis young men keep their hats on at public performances.

—They complain of idiotic Jaymen down in Rockland county.

—Preston Hollow, Chesherville and Medina are severely suffering from measles.

—The Montgomery Standard outfit publication holiday week.

—Walter, the scissors-grinder murderer, will be very insane on the day of trial.

—Schoenstadt arrested eight fire-bugs on Sunday night.

—It cost Hudson \$72,903.70 to keep house last year.

—The 16-foot Stockport has just finished a \$12,000 iron bridge.

—The Troy Times is publishing the Bible.

—Poughkeepsie don't want the college regatta next summer. Sour grapes.

—The Yekkers Water works will be formally inaugurated on New Year's Day.

—Catskill eats turkeys fed on beech nuts and thinks them of peculiarly fine flavor.

—St. Joachim's Catholic Church at Matteawan has just finished a building lot which was raffled off at a late fair.

—It is reported that Theodore H. Cooper of Warwick has bought the Newburgh Telegraph.

—The Norton Hill M. E. Church has paid off its debt, and has \$410 over on its subscription paper.

—Rev. Wm. G. E. Lee, of Kiskatom, and Rev. Paul T. Dayo, of Plattkill, have exchanged places.

—Three hogs died of hydrophobia at Middlebrook last week. One was bitten by a mad dog, and then bit the other two.

—The Montgomery saw-mill has a hard time getting along; they're hardly enough timber left to pick its teeth with.

—Thirteen head of cattle were burned with a barn belonging to Henry Deane of Middlebrook, on Wednesday. Loss \$5,000.

—Daniel Greene's barn at Mattawana was burned on Christmas at a loss of fifteen hundred dollars.

—The Albany police are raiding on the gambling dens. They captured all the apparatus and fourteen players.

—The committees of Poughkeepsie and Coxsack Engine Companies met on Tuesday at Hudson to arrange for the \$1,000 match.

—The monument to be placed over the remains of Dr. Reed of Chatham cost about \$5,000.

—A Troy woman had her monument sent to her residence while she was ill in order that she might see it before she died.

—The Eagle Wheeling Machine works will be removed from Valley Falls to Albany early in January.

—Peekskill is to have an independent water supply. The reservoir will be located on the Cortlandt mill property.

—John VanWie, an Athens ship-carpenter, fell about seven feet while working in a shipyard and broke his neck. He was seventy years old.

—John French of Mongaup Valley, Sullivan county, has a beard three and a half feet long. It has grown to that length since 1865, and reaches to his knees.

—Rev. Samuel Welles, of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, has accepted the charge of the Ghent Lutheran congregation.

—The Poughkeepsie restaurant keepers are giving the newspaper composers splendid turkey suppers. This is a fine way to advertise.

—An Odd Fellows' lodge in Bath, Rensselaer county, has been sued for \$200. A good many people will watch the result with great interest.

—The Fivoli ferry-boat was caught in the ice on Wednesday last and carried some distance down the river before she could be extricated.

—The liberal and generous hearted Leclercs, of the Delaware House, presented each and every one of their employees a substantial gift Christmas morning.

—A Bethlehem man let a boy ride home with him from Albany, and the ungrateful hoodlum hooked from his wagon fifteen pounds of paint and a lot of painting utensils, besides other articles.

—It is said a large number of the locomotives on the Delaware and Saratoga Railroads are to be replaced by authentic barons, which can be supplied with coal from the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's mines.

—We regret to record that Rev. H. Bronson, the octogenarian Bible agent for this district, recently fell upon the road near Poughkeepsie, and received such injuries that he will be confined to his house for some few weeks.

—The tug Champlain was the last boat through the canal. It reached Rhinebeck's dry dock, West Troy, Thursday, at 3 o'clock, and was unable to proceed further. The Champlain had come through from Buffalo, and was bound to Albany.

—The old freight depot of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company at Waterford was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. There was little freight or baggage in the building at the time. Loss on the building, \$2,000. The fire was result of incineration.

—The young ladies at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, are expected to receive 150 quarts of milk every day, swallowing 150 pounds of butter and 40 pounds of sugar for pudding since for one dinner. That's what makes them so sweet.

—The timber for J. R. & H. S. Baldwin has arrived at New Baltimore. They have at present a contract with the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company for two large barges and machinery that work will commence immediately.

—The Troy steamer Sunnyside, while on her down trip last Tuesday, met with an accident when near New Baltimore, which detained her over two hours. It appears that the ice had cut through her copper sheathing and she was compelled to have it repaired before it was safe to proceed on her trip.

—Up at a Lansingburgh crockery "factory" crackers are now made by the ton, and in less than twenty-five minutes from the time the floor is weighed out in a trough, it is kneaded, barreled and ready for shipment. The crackers are shipped to any port in the world. The present machines, with the new patent of October 14th, 1875, are capable of doubling the capacity of the primitive machines, and will manufacture four thousand crackers per minute.

—The great painter, Sir Edwin Landseer, the painter of the famous picture, "The Lion Hunt," has been more popular than ever—except Sir Thomas Lawrence—has received such immense sums for his works. For the copyright of some of his pictures he obtained \$3,000 (\$15,000), in addition to the original price of the picture. It was a master stroke when the publishers of the Christian at Work presented the lion combination of a half and a half (size) of Landseer's great painting of dogs and sheep—"The Twiss"—with Talmage as editor of their paper, and Spurgeon as will get it. Write to them at 102 Chambers street, N. Y., for sample copies and terms. Agents wanted. See their advertisement.

The Sabbath Day is Respected.

The market of Thomas L. Johnston up town will be kept open until 10 o'clock Saturday night, but will be closed on Sunday.

Our stock is still in good condition for the inspection of our customers in holiday attire. A first-class builder and of the best materials. J. O. & G. B. MERRITT, Wall street, Kingston, N. Y.

Fanning's Dancing Class. Mr. Fanning's dancing class, Voorhees' new hall, East Front street, Kingston. Opening lessons on Friday, January 2d. Afternoon class at 4 P. M.; evening class at 7 P. M. This will be the last course of lessons. All fashionable dancing will be introduced. Parents are invited to attend at the opening lessons.

Kingston Coal Depot. D. C. Overbaugh is still selling Lackawanna coal at the following prices; all screened and honest weight given:

Stove coal at yard \$7.00 Delivered \$7.50
Cheapest 5.00 " 5.50
27 " 7.00 " 7.50
Grate 6.00 " 6.50
Central part of the City on Union Avenue.

D. C. Overbaugh has established a branch coal office in North Front Street, near Wall, at the office of the A. M. U. Express Co.—Mr. Rawson is his agent. All orders left with him will be promptly filled.

D. C. OVERBAUGH.

Rheumatism is cured by using Rague's Pain Killing Made Good. We do not say it cures "after the joints are turned out in a chalky substance," but its early and faithful use prevents this change. Its use has cured very bad cases of Rheumatism.

Sold by Dr. Mayo and all other druggists in Rondout and Kingston.

IRON IN THE BLOOD—When the blood is well supplied with its iron element, we feel vigorous and full of animation. It is an insufficiency of this vital element that makes us feel low-spirited; in such cases, the PERUVIAN SALT (a protosulfate of Iron) can supply this deficiency, and its use will invigorate us wonderfully.

Appropriate Holiday Presents. A box of FINE HAVANA CIGARS. A good assortment will be found at Weiner's.

Latest News by Cable—Santa Claus has Arrived. With his Reindeer and is ready to receive calls at Wynekopp's Book Store.

P. S.—He is a very large stock of new and beautiful gifts suitable for the Holidays. Would be happy to have you call and pay your respects to him.

F. S. WYNKOP, JR., Kingston, Dec. 1875.

Condensed Milk—Bully for Coffee. Just received at Knap's Drug Store, next door to the Postoffice, Garden street, Rondout.

CHAMP. One OX DOLLAR KID GLOVES reduced to 75 cents. CROSBY, LAWRENCE & CO., 7 Wall street.

MARRIED. BISHOP—GAGE—At the Rondout M. E. Parsonage, Dec. 24th, by Rev. J. J. Dean, Albert Bishop and Lizzie Gage, all of this city.

DIED. TEN YORK—In New York city, on Friday, Dec. 18th, at the residence of Matthew Ten Eyck, in the 70th year of his age.

EXCISE NOTICE—THE NEXT regularly meeting of the Board of Excise of the city of Kingston will be held at the office of Cornelius Burkman, upper Kingston, on Monday, January 1st, from 2 o'clock P. M.

FOR SALE—TWO BRAN NEW. A new splendidly adapted for camp purposes. One 30x35 feet, the other one 14x20 feet. Apply to HENRY KRIEGER, Rondout, N. Y.

DRESSED HOGS, LARD, &c.—George Thompson of the Packing House, Hunter street, Rondout, has on hand or for sale, whole and half dressed hogs, LARD, SPICED HIB, TENDERLOIN, &c., &c. Families supplied on short notice.

NOTICE—ALL PERSONS INDEBTED to Jonathan Schult will please call and settle their bills before January 1st, 1876, as all bills not settled by that time will be left in the hands of my attorney for collection. J. SCHULTZ.

NOW READY—NEW HALL. The undersigned has just finished a handsome new hall that will seat five hundred people. This hall is well calculated for concerts, minstrelsy or other shows, lectures, public meetings, &c., and will be let for such purposes at reasonable rates. ABRAM SAMMONS, Rondout.

WOOD FOR SALE—THE SUBSCRIBER offers for sale the wood and hickory standing on 100 acres of land, near Stony Hollow, known as the Wagon Road, also on several other lots in the fine water class in the town of Kingston. Apply to J. M. KUDAM.

FOR SALE AT A GREAT BARGAIN. Notice is hereby given that the top-hungry Wagon—a good and serviceable two-seated Wagon with Leather Top back seat, with shafts and pole, iron axles, and in fine order. For particulars inquire of JOHN N. MAYER, Carriage and Sleigh Manufacturer, Kingston, Rondout.

WANTED—PUPIL

